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Consuella "Connie" Harris Human Resources Officer

by Barbara Young

"Striking" is an easy word to apply to the City's new Human Resources Officer, Connie Harris, an elegant mid-life woman of 5'9" whose handsome gold jewelry matches her styled hair.

Her striking exterior may be partly the natural expression of a deep interior appreciation for beauty and creativity in all their forms because this is a complex person with special human resources of her own—someone reserved and exceedingly thoughtful, someone quietly determined to live an interesting life and accomplish interesting personal goals. One of those goals is to publish a novel some day because, she says, "I like the writer part of me." A play she wrote was performed as part of the county's Bicentennial celebration, and she's the author of two other plays as well.

A Washington native, 22-year resident of Greenbelt and member of the Co-op, Connie Harris became Human Resources Officer on December 15, 1998. Earlier, she had done volunteer mediation for the City. "It's exciting working here," she says. "I get an opportunity to see the dedication and hard work of the employees in Greenbelt, and I'm impressed with the services that are available. Actually, some of the



Consuella "Connie" Harris is the City of Greenbelt's new Human Resources Officer.

-photo by Thelma Loret-De-Mola

reasons I've remained a long-term Greenbelt resident are the library, the Community Center, the schools, and the police.

"What does a Human Resources Officer do? Connie Harris says, "Among other things, I oversee recruitment, training, classification, benefits and so on. . . the whole array of human resources services supporting department heads and employees. I also coordinate the community's Media Services program, in which a group of volunteers provides free media services to the resi-

dents of Greenbelt."

She worked for Prince George's County for 20 years, first in personnel, then as a manager in the Department of Corrections, and then in the Human Relations Commission. She has also been a consultant.

One of five children and a graduate of Eastern High School in northeast D.C., Connie Harris started out as a clerk-typist with C & P Telephone Company. When she married, she and her husband moved to Cleveland, where she got her first exposure

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Public Hearing Wednesday On New Local Bus Service

by Betsy Likowski

Getting around the city and to the Greenbelt Metro station is about to become easier. The county plans to start four new bus routes this year that will run through the city every 15, 30 or 40 minutes. The public is invited to come and comment about the proposed bus routes at a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. These new routes are designed to complement, not replace, existing Metro bus routes. The bus fare will be 75 cents for most people and 35 cents for the elderly and disabled.

Two of the new routes travel through Greenbelt East, three of the routes travel through the central part of the city, and one travels between Beltway Plaza and the federal court house through Springhill Lake.

At the public hearing there will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in speaking. Speakers will be recognized for five minutes in the order in which they signed up. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be available upon request by calling 301-883-5656 or TDD 1-800-735-2258.

There will be a five working day comment period following the meeting. Comments submitted will receive the same consideration as comments made during the hearing. Write comments to: Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, c/o Associate Director for Transportation, 9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite #320, Largo, Maryland 20774. Comments may also be called in to the Office of Transportation at 301-883-5656 or faxed to the Associate Director for Transportation at 301-883-5703.

Bus Routes

The county has proposed that new bus routes be added in the areas that need more transit services. The Greenbelt routes are being added as a part of this plan. Smaller buses will be used. Metrobus service will not be reduced but some rerouting of both county and Metro buses could occur. Two new routes (11 and 14) could come on line this spring and the 15 and 15M routes in fiscal year 2000, which begins July 1.

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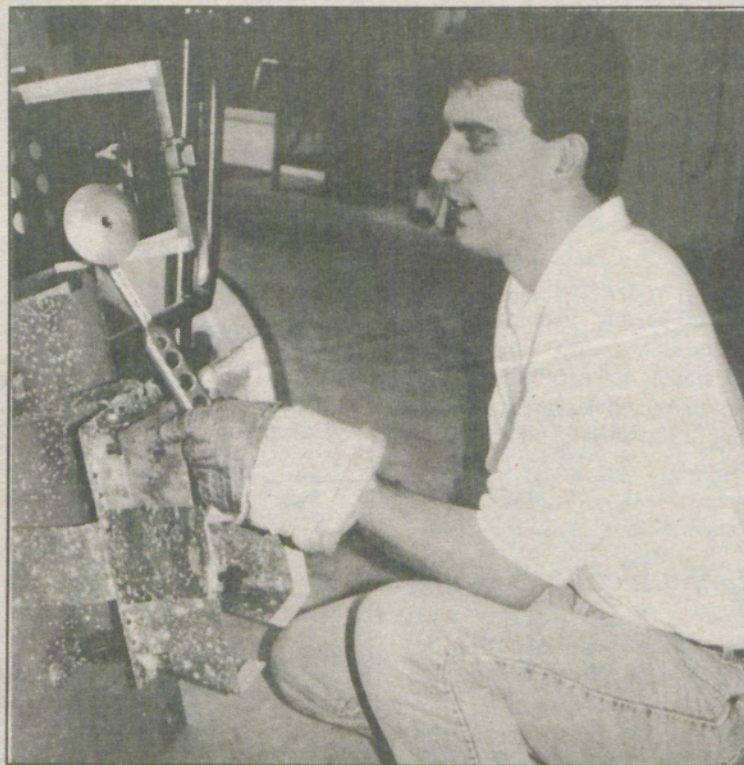
Wrench Inventor Studies Lunar Fire Suppression

by Nelda Young

What do wrenches, robots, and fire protection have in common? If you answered Brian Roberts, you would have the correct answer.

Roberts, 29, of Greenbelt, invented the ratchetless wrench that NASA recently sent into space to be tested. His next

wrench work and what makes it special? A standard wrench has two sets of teeth that come together and grip. Working with Mike Wade and John Vranish, his NASA fellowship advisor, Roberts invented a wrench with rollers in grooves instead of teeth. The rollers lock in place when reversed and do not get stuck.



Greenbelter Brian Roberts, a graduate student at Maryland's Space Engineering program, demonstrates the wrench he invented for use in space.

-photo by Leigh Catterton

project will be developing a robot for use in outer space. Then he intends to research fire suppression on a Mars or lunar base.

How does Roberts' ratchetless

The ratchetless wrench has the advantage of locking in both the forward and backward rotation without the problem of free

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City Budget

General Government Up 3.5%

by Diane Oberg

With Fiscal Year 2000 (FY2000) expenditures of \$1.2 million, the general government account is the fifth largest category in City Manager Michael McLaughlin's budget proposal, accounting for 8.2% of total expenditures. This account includes the city council, the city manager's office, the community promotion office, the finance office and the city solicitor. McLaughlin's budget proposal calls for a 3.5 percent increase over fiscal year 99 (which ends June 30) expenditures.

Perhaps the biggest story, from a budget perspective, are two items not shown in the budget totals. The cost of the city's retirement benefits could change depending on the eventual recommendations of a city study group looking at ways to improve those

benefits. In addition, McLaughlin told council at a March 29 worksession that he is beginning to feel that his decision when selected as city manager not to fill the assistant city manager position needs to be revisited. He said immediate issues are filling most of his time, leaving him little time for long term planning. McLaughlin was quick to respond "Sure," when Mayor Judith Davis asked him if council could add that as an "unmet need."

City Council

The salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the five-member city council are expected to

total \$67,300 in FY2000, up 3.9 percent from the current year's budget (and 6.2 percent from estimated FY99 expenditures). Councilmember Edward Putens asked McLaughlin to compare council's salaries (\$5,000 for councilmembers, \$6,000 for the mayor) with those paid by other cities of comparable size. Council salaries have been at their current level since July 1990. Because council cannot change its salary during the term, increases are generally approved in an election year to take effect when the new council is sworn in.

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What Goes On

Sat., April 10, 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Town Meetings, Y2K Community Preparedness and City of Greenbelt. Community Center.

Mon., April 12, 7 p.m. Recycling Comm. Meeting. Community Center.

8 p.m. Greenbelt City Council meeting.

Wed., April 14, 8 p.m. Public Hearing. County Bus Service Proposal. Municipal Building.

Thurs., April 15, Free Basketball Clinic, ages 6-14, Springhill Lake Rec. Center.

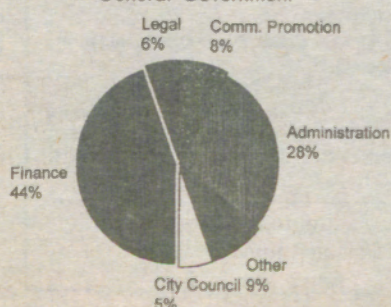
Fri., April 16, 5 p.m. Indiana Jones Film Festival begins. (Festival runs through April 22)

Sat., April 17, 1 p.m. GHI Community Forum on Historic District. American Legion Hall.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Earth Day at Buddy Attick Park.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Public Works Open House. Public Works facility.

General Government



Letters to the Editor

Historic District: Unique Opportunity

GHI has been given a unique opportunity to strengthen and preserve the design and character of original Greenbelt and GHI by voting for Historic District designation at the end of April. GHI was founded in the 1950s after its first residents came to the community in the 1930s. These original residents and subsequent GHI founders are now aging and will not be with us as long as we would like. A wealth of historical knowledge about our community will be lost with them. Let's not let the historic character of our community go with them. Historic District designation would preserve what makes GHI unique.

The designation is not meant to stop the clock and keep us frozen in time. It is designed to recognize the significance of our planned community — the inner walkways, common areas, greenbelt, the courts, overpasses, and all the other features that make our community pedestrian and family friendly. While preserving these features, it allows us to grow with and embrace modern needs and technologies. It adopts our own rules and regulations as spelled out in the Member Handbook, which includes additions to our homes.

Some opponents of the Historic District say that they don't want more regulations. The added level of regulation imposed by Historic District designation is minimal. Think of what GHI would look like if there were no rules and regulations. Everyone could do potentially whatever they want to their homes and yards, creating a hodgepodge of sheds, fences, additions, and other "improvements" that could turn old Greenbelt into a transient rental community. Historic District designation would give us more power to prevent this and protect the historic characteristics that make our community unique and special.

Historic District designation would also give GHI and Greenbelt as a whole more power to advocate our desires for smart growth and planning in and around Greenbelt to fight the adverse development that is constantly knocking at our door.

Finally, Historic District designation would help give us the financial means through legally entitled tax credits and other mechanisms to maintain our aging homes and infrastructure to today's standards and those of tomorrow.

Carole Levin

Communications Gap

As of March 24, for 17 weeks now, readers of the Washington Post's Prince George's weekly section have had to read these words instead of a City of Greenbelt crime report: "The Greenbelt Police Department did not provide a crime report for this week's Prince George's Extra. For more information, call 301-474-7200."

There seems to be a failure to communicate here between

the City of Greenbelt, the Washington Post, and the people of Greenbelt. This problem can be solved with awareness about antiquated methods of media/community communications. If the Washington Post would like this information, it is accessible and open to the public over the Greenbelt Police web page — or would be if this information was being properly updated. Today is March 30 — the Greenbelt Police Weekly Report on the Greenbelt Citizen Connection web page is as of March 12. Yes, we do have a failure to communicate here, in more ways than one.

All people have the right to know about crime in their community. Not everyone wants to read about it, but some do want to know, whether it is through the Prince George's Journal, the Greenbelt News Review, the Washington Post, or the Greenbelt Police web page. Some people may use the Post, but not the Greenbelt News Review; therefore, all possible mediums that can be used should be used and updated regularly — no exceptions. If the same resources of communication are not provided in a timely fashion for all media methods, there is bias and therefore censorship. That undermines working together for an informed community.

I feel the City Council should turn their focus to making sure the people of Greenbelt have the best access possible to community information. The people deserve to have this information presented to them in a timely and effective fashion, through all media methods readily available. The City of Greenbelt should not depend on such reasoning as "The Post's police report on Greenbelt is too long. They're making us look like we have more crime than other cities in Prince George's County!". Reasoning such as this should not influence decision making for the good of a community. The city should review this issue. By updating community information systems regularly and improving methods of community media and public communications, more services and resources can be provided to the people of Greenbelt.

At this point, I would like to compliment the Greenbelt web page. It is a very informative system of information about the city of Greenbelt, available to the public. Yet it should be un-

derstood that "state of the art" technology is here today and gone tomorrow. Constant improvements must be made. Therefore public web pages such as the city's should be redesigned, improved and updated regularly. This is another opportunity for the city to continually improve community communications to the public — not suppress or censor information that should be available to the public equally, through all media methods available.

Fred Gasper President,
Board of Directors
Greenbelt Lake Village
Townhouse Homeowner's
Assn.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 9, 1999

Prince of Egypt PG
Fri., Sat., Sun

(3:15 at \$3)

Waking Ned Divine PG
Fri. & Sat.

(5:20 @ \$3),

7:30, 9:30

Sun.

(5:20 @ \$3), 7:30

Mon.

(7:30 @ \$3)

Tues.-Thurs.

7:30

www.pgtheatres.com

—EASTER PHOTOS

by Leigh Catterton
Upper right - Sue & Dennis Lin and Sean Catterton enjoy their Easter treats at the Community Center's Easter Egg Hunt and musical show. Lower left - Lots of children enjoy talking to the Easter Bunny. Recreation Coordinator Sarah Schaefer looks on.



New Deal Cafe

Open
Fri & Sat,
7-11 pm




Music
8:30 pm
No cover

Friday, April 9
Open Mike with Tom and Cal


Saturday, April 10
The Art of Meaning-
Poet Songwriters

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 2
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642



*Eleanor and
Franklin
Roosevelt*

Democratic Club



Friday, April 16 - 8 p.m.

School Board Member

Jim Henderson

Terrace Room
Greenbriar Community
Building

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for info.

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS ABOUT COUNTY HISTORIC
DISTRICT DESIGNATION FOR
GREENBELT, PLEASE CALL THE GHI
HISTORIC DISTRICT HOTLINE AT
301-474-4161, EXT. 141

Donation Drop-Off

The April Donation Drop-Off co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers will be held this Saturday, April 10, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be reused by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember—this Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month. Thanks to all who donate regularly.

Greenbelters to Aid Honduras Rebuilding

As part of the Senior Citizen's program Wednesday, April 14 at 11 a.m. at the Community Center, there will be a presentation and film describing the situation in hurricane-ravaged Honduras and the continuing need for relief funds. Former Greenbelt resident Lynn Palmatier Soule, who is coordinating the relief efforts of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, will be at the meeting describing the impact of the hurricane devastation on families. Soule and Greenbelter Frank Gervasi will travel to Honduras at the end of this month to plan the Diocese's project to rebuild one entire village of 76 homes.

Y2K Town Meeting April 10 at Center

The City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Y2K Community Preparedness Group (GYCPG) are holding a town meeting to talk about preparing for possible challenges that residents and the community might face starting January 1, 2000 due to the year 2000 computer problem. The meeting will be held Saturday, April 10, at the Greenbelt Community Center in the multipurpose room from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Mark Smith of GYCPG will talk about what Y2K is and why people should be concerned; Chipper Miller of GYCPG will talk about individual and family preparedness. Jay Creech, associate county attorney and chair of the Year 2000 Project Committee for Prince George's County, will discuss how Prince George's County is preparing for Y2K, and Bo Ferguson, senior management analyst for the City of Greenbelt, will discuss the state of Greenbelt's Y2K readiness. Mayor Judith Davis invites all residents to attend and learn about challenges and preparations. She notes that coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served.

College Entrance Know-How at PGCC

Learn from recruiters at an upcoming information session how to apply to Prince George's Community College, who gets accepted, what degrees students can earn, how much it costs and how to get tuition assistance. The session will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. All public library programs are free and open to the public. For more information call the library at 301-699-3500.

Community Events

Basketball Banquet Set for April 17

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club basketball banquet will be held on Saturday April 17, at the Greenbelt, Community Center. The program will start at 1 p.m. in the dining facility across the hall from the gymnasium. The five intramurals teams will receive their awards from 1 until 2:30 p.m., and the five county teams will follow at 3 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. All those involved are encouraged to attend.

Photo Club Meets April 13

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. The program will include an instructional video by nature photographer and author, Galen Rowell. All are welcome to attend. For more information call 301-779-6576.

Golden Age Club by Ruth Huggins

After the regular meeting of the Golden Age Club on March 31, President Bill Souser turned the meeting over to Program Chair Mary Gardner (wearing her hat from Australia) for the Hat Contest. The contestants, who paraded to the tune of "In Your Easter Bonnet" before the three judges were: Arlene and Bill Souser, John H. Jones, Jean Snyder, Florence Holly, Ruth McElroy, Mary McKinley, Betty Deitch, Ellie Rimar, Doretha Leslie, Lael Carriere and Verna Marrie. Winners were: Funniest, John H. Jones in a lighted Mickey Mouse hat; Most Creative, Jean Snyder, whose hat had photographs around the brim; and Prettiest, Ruth McElroy in a hat made of purple feathers. Each was awarded a \$5.00 prize. The difficult task of judging the hats on parade was handled by John Taylor, Bunny Fitzgerald and Golden Age reporter Ruth Huggins. After the contest, participants who wished told about their hats. Betty Deitch talked about the Chinese farmer's hat she wore; Arlene Souser about the hat made by her husband, Bill, in Baltimore Orioles colors. Jean Snyder told about the photographs on her hat, pictures from a memorable trip she took; and John H. Jones explained the significance of his hat, since he and Mickey Mouse are the same age. Don't forget to sign up for the April 20 trip to Wilmington's Waterfront Museum to see the "Treasures of Japan" exhibit and for the Golden Age Dinner the following day, on April 21.

Arts Classes Fair

On Sunday, April 11, from 1-5, GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) will host an arts class fair at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is invited to learn what classes and programs will be offered this spring and summer, meet GAVA instructors, and see demonstrations and displays. The fair will coincide with the open house for the studios, also to be held this Sunday. For more information call 301-441-3859 or 301-474-2192.

What Indians Gave Is Explorations Topic

On Friday, April 16, Explorations Unlimited presents "How Native Americans Enriched America." The presenter will be Keith Harmon who has worked for the National Park Service since 1986. His assignments in the Park Service have included the National Mall, the Kenilworth Aquatic Garden, the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site and a working detail at Grand Canyon Park in Arizona. Many people do not know that the glass and steel skyscrapers of contemporary Manhattan were built with profits from the Indian fur trading business. Some of the food eaten and the herbs used for medicinal purposes were inherited from Native American knowledge. Guerrilla warfare, certain hunting techniques, animal decoys, and names were also part of the Native American legacy. Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208.

GHI Notes

The next regular board of directors meeting is scheduled on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a special board meeting on April 22 at 7 p.m. The Woodlands Committee will meet April 14 in the GHI library at 7:30 p.m. GHI members, remember Saturday, April 10 is the Spring Plant and Grass Seed Sale at GHI offices. The Historic District Committee forums will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursday, April 22 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. GHI has established a hotline for members to call with questions about the historic district issue. Call 301-474-4161, ext. 141.

At the Library

Children's Programs
Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m. BookKids Discussion Group for ages 8-12.
7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.
Thursday, April 15, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.
Adult Programs
Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. Prince George's Community College takes the college to the community. Learn from recruiters how to apply to PGCC — who gets accepted, what degrees one can earn, how much it costs, and how to get tuition assistance.

Water Garden Plants Discussed Tuesday

Kate Bucco of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club. A slide show presentation titled "Plants for Water Gardens" will be shown and Bucco will discuss how to plan, construct and choose appropriate plants for a water garden. The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. A short business meeting to discuss the May 1 plant sale will precede the featured program. Guests are welcome.

New Group Forming On Simple Living

Voluntary Simplicity, as a cure to environmental problems, is a growing grassroots movement spreading throughout America today. The tenets of Simple Living are frugal consumption, ecological awareness and personal growth. At a meeting to be held on April 13, the possibility of setting up Simplicity Circles in Greenbelt will be discussed. A Simplicity Circle is a small group of friends and neighbors who meet regularly to explore life stories and share knowledge on developing lives of simplicity and satisfaction. The film "Escape from Affluenza," which was presented on PBS last year, will be shown. Personal stories will illustrate the ways in which people throughout the country are finding innovative and interesting methods of practicing voluntary simplicity. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Dining Room #1. Call Janet Hartley, 301-345-2571, for more information.

GHI Sponsors Forums On Historic District

Two forums to discuss the implications of the Local Historic District Designation will be sponsored by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Both will be held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. and on Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. The two identical community forums will be held to present information and give members a chance to question experts and officials and to offer comments. A full membership vote on this issue by GHI members will take place by mail ballot at the end of April.

Henderson Speaks At Democratic Club

Jim Henderson, Greenbelt's newly elected representative on the Prince George's County Board of Education, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. This will be one of Henderson's first appearances in Greenbelt since his election. The meeting will be held April 16 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building.

Dr. Benjamin Carson Keynote Speaker

The Second Annual Early Childhood Conference will be held on Saturday, April 17, at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Dr. Benjamin Carson, world renowned Pediatric Neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, will give the keynote address which will be held at 1:30 p.m. and will be the highlight of a full-day program of events and activities. Scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the conference offers parents, child care providers, teachers and others working with young children, an opportunity to attend and choose from more than 42 programs and workshops. To register for the event, call 301-772-8420.

Greens to Discuss Some Local Issues

The Greenbelt Greens will meet to assess the March 9 Parkside decision on Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads. Under discussion will be why Parkside annexation provided such a big win for one side. The discussion will include CCRIC-Metroland, the Yeager tract and the fall 1999 election. Kate Spencer is one of the leaders of the Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC). She will explain its mission and the possibility of turning Metroland into a nature center. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 301-474-1998.

W.A. GRASS SEED SALE

Saturday, April 10, 1999

From 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon

Available at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place

Shade	\$1.50 per lb.
Sun	1.50 per lb.
Standard mix	Sun or Shade-\$1.50

W.A. GRASS SEED SALE

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Monday, April 12 at 8pm

City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday, April 13 and 15

6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show-The Census Bureau"

6:30 p.m. "Easter Egg Event with Entertainment by Geist"

7:30 p.m. "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00 p.m. "Storytime-Mr. Ticklefeather's Birthday"

7:30 p.m. "For Safety's Sake-Canine"

OBITUARY

Edward Lee Moore

Former long-time resident of 44 Court of Ridge Road, Edward Lee Moore, 81, died on Wednesday, March 31. Mr. Moore and his late wife, Mary Alice Moore, had been residents of Greenbelt since 1955. Mr. Moore was a photographer for the Navy Ordnance Lab for many years and was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion. He enjoyed drawing and walking and was an avid computer buff.

He is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Morrison, sons Eric Bud Moore, Sr., Edward Lee Moore, Jr. and Patrick Moore, his sister Virginia O'Brien, brothers Harry, John and Don Moore, ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Monday, April 5.

Companies to Refund Membership Fees

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. announced March 18 that his Consumer Protection Division has ordered the operators of a vacation membership club, known as Interlink Travel Network, Inc., to refund millions of dollars to former customers who joined the club but did not receive many of the services Interlink promised. Under the order, the customers, which may number in the thousands, may be entitled to a full refund of their membership fees — estimated at approximately \$3,000 on average per customer.

An Administrative Law Judge concluded that promises, made by Interlink Travel Network, Inc., Eagle Rental, Inc., and L&M Marketing, Inc., as well as the principals of all three companies, Margaret Porterfield and John Lyon, Jr., were false. The Consumer Protection division subsequently found that the three companies, Porterfield and Lyon had committed unfair or deceptive trade practices in the selling of vacation club memberships.

The order requires Interlink, Eagle Rental, L&M Marketing, Porterfield and Lyon to refund all of the membership payments they collected from club members, which is likely to total millions of dollars. The defendants must also cease all illegal practices and pay a \$2,078,000 civil penalty.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community

April 11, 1999
9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Journey Toward Wholeness
Coordinator: Anne Irvine
Rev. John Burciaga,
Interim Minister

Religious Education 9:30 a.m.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building Sundays
10 A.M.

Call In Unemployment Insurance Claims

Persons who need to file for unemployment insurance benefits now will be able to do so in the convenience of their homes. The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) Wheaton office is offering telephone services for unemployment insurance activities.

Residents in Prince George's County will be able to use the new telephone service. Claimants will have the choice of applying for benefits either in person or by telephone during the following hours: in person, 8 - 10 a.m., Monday through Friday; and by telephone (301-929-4350), noon - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Effective May 3, the Wheaton office will discontinue offering the in person hours to file a claim for unemployment insurance benefits. All claims will be taken by telephone, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to filing claims for unemployment insurance, all scheduled appointments (with the exception of appeal hearings) will be conducted by telephone also. Individuals and those who need to file unemployment insurance claims are advised that Monday is often the busiest day for claims filing; they are encouraged to call Tuesday through Thursday to minimize delays.

For questions concerning unemployment insurance claims and filing "telecerts" (weekly claims), call 410-767-2424 or toll-free (MD only) 1-800-827-4839; or TTY/MD Relay Service for hearing impaired 1-800-735-2258.



Sampling recipes for the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Cookbook are, left to right, museum docents Betty Deitch, Dorothy Lauber and Betty Lehman. Greenbelters, friends and family members are invited to submit favorite recipes in all food categories to: Greenbelt Museum Cookbook, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Recipes should be typed or clearly printed and must contain the contributor's name and telephone number should questions arise. FOGM expects the cookbook to be published by the fall. The deadline for submitting recipes has been extended to April 30.

- photo by Sandra Lange

Concert Features Flute and Guitar

Montpelier Cultural Arts Center, 12826 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, will host a free recital, "Duo Con Brio, Flute and Guitar," on Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m. Reservations are

required. For information call 301-953-1993, TTY 301-490-2329.

Spanish Classes Held At Methodist Church

The Mowatt Methodist church in Greenbelt will resume Spanish classes, at the church at 40 Ridge Road, on Saturday, April 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. These classes will run for six weeks and are free for anyone wishing to attend. For information call Robert Thomas at 301-345-4186.

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Church World Service (CWS) is one of the many private organizations sending aid to people suffering from the war in Kosovo and particularly the "ethnic cleansings." CWS is an ecumenical organization with 35 member denominations in the DC/MD area.

CWS has already sent financial assistance to partner agencies working in Albania and has also provided tents, blankets and mattresses.

For more information about helping in this crisis, call CWS in College Park, at 301-441-1676.

Christmas in April Needs Photographers

Christmas in April of Prince George's County is looking for amateur photographers or photography clubs to take pictures at some of the 103 homes they will be renovating throughout the county. For additional information or to volunteer services, call Mary Kucharski at 301-868-0937.



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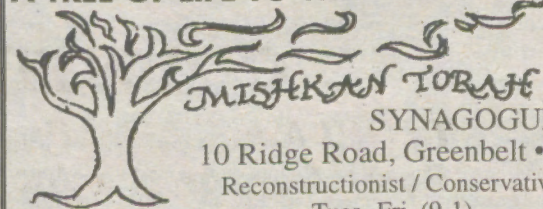
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Indian Creek Yields Lots Of "Treasures" at Clean-Up

by Barbara Young

A pile of rubber tires, two shopping carts and a gas stove were among items removed from Indian Creek during the stream clean-up held after a CCRIC press conference on the overcast, chilly Saturday morning of March 27 at the courthouse on Cherrywood Lane. CCRIC — Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek — was formed in February by residents of Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and other watershed communities to prevent further destruction of Indian Creek at the 240-acre Greenbelt Metro station site where a massive building project is under consideration.

Advisors Introduced

The press conference and stream clean-up drew about 40 participants as well as press. The group's chair, Kate Spencer, introduced staff attorney Jeff Nelson and student attorney Sandra Franco of Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Public Representation, which has agreed to advise and work with CCRIC.

In addition to Nelson and Franco, participants also included three council persons from the City of College Park and its Mayor, Michael Jacobs; two staff persons from the Environmental Department of nearby WMATA (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority), and representatives of the Audubon Naturalist Society and Eyes of Paint Branch organization. Several Cub Scouts also helped. CCRIC's Zelda Bell organized and led the stream clean-up effort; Joyce Pierce instructed the group on safety measures.

Wetlands Restoration

In literature the group distributed, CCRIC's Spencer pointed out that "Damage to wetlands around the world is being reversed using careful, state-of-the-art restoration methods.

"The Indian Creek floodplain could be a showcase laboratory for reclaiming mines (a dominant land use in the area), restoring habitat for native plant and animal species, and educating the public about improving urban stream water quality.... The historic wetland, irreplaceable ecosystem and



Sandra Franco cleans the creek.

- photo by Thelma Loret De Mola

Anacostia Watershed treasure near the Greenbelt Metro contains not only turtles, beavers and wood ducks, but submerged aquatic vegetation, not algae, in the clean creekbed which harbors native fish and invertebrates, [while] lush wet meadows and standing snags offer diverse habitats for woodpeckers, amphibians and native plants... swamp chestnut oaks, massive red maples, black gums, and an understory of buttonbush, viburnum, sweet pepperbush, and rare wetland plants still thrive as they did a century ago...."

The next meeting of CCRIC will be held Sunday, April 18 at 4 p.m. in the senior classroom on the first floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. All concerned persons are invited to attend. For more information, call 301-441-3844 and leave a message.

See Ikebana At Arboretum

View a major area exhibit of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement. The free exhibit will be held at the National Arboretum in the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum's Special Exhibits Wing through April 11, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Baseball Umpire Training Program

The Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club Umpires Association is sponsoring a training series for baseball umpires to learn to officiate county games for the 12 years old and under league.

The training series includes four training sessions (two indoor, two outdoor), and the dates are as follows: Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. - Riverdale Recreation Building; Sunday, April 11, 4 p.m. - Prince George's Sports Park; Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. - M-NCPPC Administrative Building, Riverdale; and Sunday, April 18, 4 p.m. - Prince George's Sports Park.

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For more information please call 301-953-1993 or TTY 301-490-2329.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the City of Greenbelt to present and receive comments on proposed TheBus Routes 11, 14 and 15/15M of the Prince George's County TheBus transit system.

DATE

April 14, 1999

LOCATION

Greenbelt Municipal Center
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

The public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes to allow equal speaking time for each speaker.

The meetings are being conducted in locations accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individuals with a disability who require special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the Department of Public Works and Transportation at (301) 883-5656 prior to the meeting.

Greenbelt Recreation Department 25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770



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Higher Ed Tax Credit for 1998 Filers

New higher education tax credits could almost have parents of college students looking forward to April 15. The 1998 tax year is the first year that the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits proposed by the President — which directly reduce the amount of federal income tax owed — are available to help families meet the cost of post-secondary education, whether for a bachelor's degree, graduate or professional study, or vocational or job-related training.

A Hope tax credit of up to \$1,500 can be claimed for two years for each student in a family who is enrolled in higher education at least half-time at an eligible educational institution and who has not yet completed his or her first two years of

study.

The Lifetime Learning tax credit picks up where Hope leaves off — it's available for vocational, college, graduate and professional students, and adults who want to upgrade their job skills or acquire new ones or pursue another course of study. For 1998, tax filers can claim a Lifetime Learning credit up to \$1,000 — 20 percent of the first \$5,000.

To take advantage of the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS Form 8863 with their federal tax returns. For more information, call the IRS Help line at 1-800-829-1040, read IRS Publication 970 or visit the Treasury Department's website at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

Older Worker Job Fair Coming

The largest job fair on the East Coast for older workers will be held in Rockville on Friday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike. Attended by over 1,500 job seekers last spring, this year's event will host recruiters and speakers, plus resources for job searches.

Older workers seeking employment will have a chance to meet with over 60 recruiters from companies around the area offering full and part time positions. In addition, attendees will benefit from seminars on job search strategies, and counselors will critique re-

sumes and discuss issues relating to job searches. A Technology Center will offer information on computer skills needed and where to get training.

Registration is free to those 50 and older, and free parking is available. A shuttle service will also be available between the Twinbrook Metro and the Doubletree. Call the 24-hour event hotline at 703-846-8520 for more information.

The job fair is presented by The Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, and The Journal Newspapers.

Kicks against Cancer Soccer at UMCP

The third annual KICKS Against Breast Cancer Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Tournament will be held at the University of Maryland in College Park on Friday, April 16 through Sunday, April 18. The tournament will feature the U.S. U-21 Women's National Team and matches between eight women's soccer teams from the University of Maryland, U. S. Naval Academy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, George Mason University, George Washington University, Northwestern University, University of Virginia and University of Minnesota. The tournament is the only one of its kind in the nation and benefits the Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource and Image Center, an affiliate of Howard County General Hospital (affiliated with Johns Hopkins Medicine), located in Columbia, MD.

The tournament kicks off on Friday at 7:30 p.m., with a featured game between the University of North Carolina and the U.S. U-21 Women's National team, at the University of Maryland's Ludwig Field. There is a fee.

A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the University of Maryland Inn and Conference Center to honor the players and the memory of Claudia Mayer, for whom the tournament is named.

For tickets to the Friday night

soccer games or banquet call the Amateur Sports Group at 888-947-KICK or 410-729-2754. For more information about the tournament or for sponsorship opportunities contact Louise Waxler at 410-740-1147 or e-mail her at <LWaxler@aol.com>.

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LYME DISEASE

The history of Lyme Disease goes back to 1974 to the little town of Old Lyme in Connecticut. The discovery of this disease is a fascinating story, but we cannot go into it in this short essay.

The germ of Lyme disease has spread all over the world now. It is a spirochete, and it is carried by the deer tick. It strikes all races, genders, and age groups. Most cases occur in the summer, when people are exposed to ticks.

Symptoms: Lyme disease is a great imitator. Don't blame your doctor if he/she does not come up with the correct diagnosis the first time. History of a tick bite is helpful, but seldom available. The ticks are so small that they can be missed easily. Incubation period is from three days to one month. The first sign of the disease in about 90% of cases is a huge, spreading, red, round rash called ECM (erythema chronicum migrans), with the mark of a tick bite at the center. Secondary circles may appear all over the body. The rash lasts from two to twelve months, it may grow steadily, or may come and go. The tick may be still embedded in the skin, in which case it should be removed with a steady pull with a pair of tweezers. If the tick is removed within 48 hours, the chances of transmitting the disease is negligible—even if the tick has it.

Often when the rash appears the patient will have a "viral syndrome": fatigue, fever and chills, muscle and joint pains, poor appetite, nausea and vomiting, liver, spleen and lymph node enlargement, and other flu-like symptoms. Unlike flu, this disease is not transmitted to the rest of the family. Often this disease is misdiagnosed as infectious mononucleosis.

Weeks or months later the rash may reappear with more serious symptoms; *joints* may swell and be painful. A misdiagnosis of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis is not uncommon. *Neurologic* symptoms may develop: headache, involuntary movements, eye problems, mental problems, weakness of muscles, clumsiness, and paralysis. These may be short-lived, or last a long time. *Heart* involvement can occur; irregularities in rate, and rhythm. These also can last for a variable length of time, and can be confused with other diseases.

Diagnosis is extremely difficult. Laboratory tests are very unreliable.

Treatment consists of antibiotics, but there is no agreement on which one, for how long and by what route they are to be given. Complications may be treated with anti-inflammatories and corticosteroids.

Prevention is also controversial. Most doctors recommend that children with tick bites should be only observed. Some doctors suggest that if the tick is known to be a deer tick, if it was imbedded longer than two days, and the area is highly endemic for Lyme disease, the child should be given a two-week course of some antibiotic. The best prevention is avoidance. In the woods wear a long-sleeved shirt, and long pants and boots. Check yourself and your child for ticks and remove them cautiously with tweezers. Do *not* squash them.

In early 1999 the FDA has released a Lyme disease vaccine (brand name LYMHrix manufactured by Smith, Kline, Beecham). It may be given to people aged 15 through 70 years. It is too early to tell how well it works, and how safe it is.

Outlook: Most children recover completely within a few days. Pregnant women may deliver defective or stillborn babies in spite of antibiotics.

Finally, let me emphasize that Lyme disease is rare. Most ticks are not deer ticks, and most deer ticks do not carry the Lyme disease germ. An antibiotic prescription after every tick bite is *not* recommended.

Also remember that there is another dangerous disease spread by a tick: Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever—but that is another story...

(Dr. Aronfy has been practicing pediatric medicine in Prince George's County for 35 years. New patients are always welcome.)



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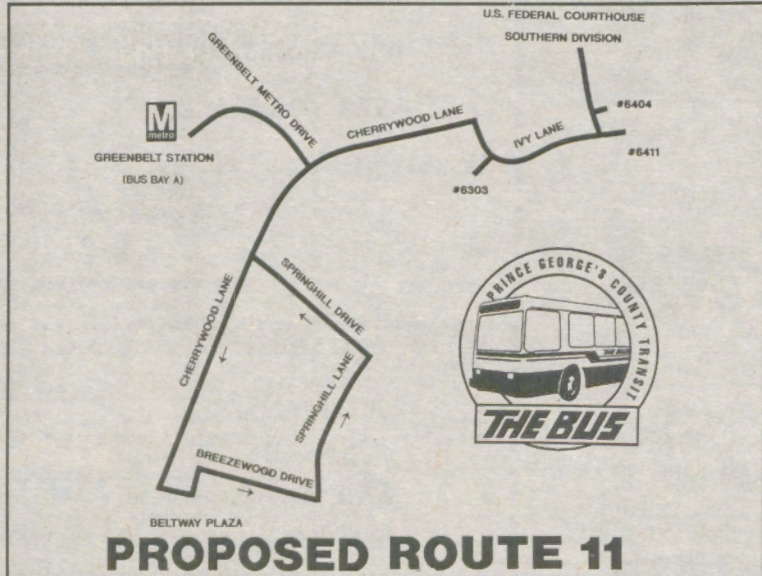
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The new 11 route, running between Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt Metro Station and Capital Office Park, would provide more service to Springhill Lake. It would run weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., every 15 minutes during peak hours and every 30 minutes during off-peak hours.

The proposed bus route 14 would run between the Greenbelt Metro station and the central part of the city. For the first time public transportation would serve the Boxwood Village, Lakewood and the Lakeside neighborhoods. It would run on weekdays from 6

a.m. to 7 p.m. every 20 minutes at peak times and every 40 minutes non-peak.

The proposed routes 15 and 15M are similar routes. Both go from Cipriano Square Shopping Center through the same route in Greenbelt East and ultimately to the Greenbelt Metro station. During rush hours the 15 route will provide the most direct route to the Greenbelt Metro station that Greenbelt East residents have yet had via public transport. It will run weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. every 30 minutes. The 15M route will run week days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every 30 minutes. It loops extensively through the core of the city.

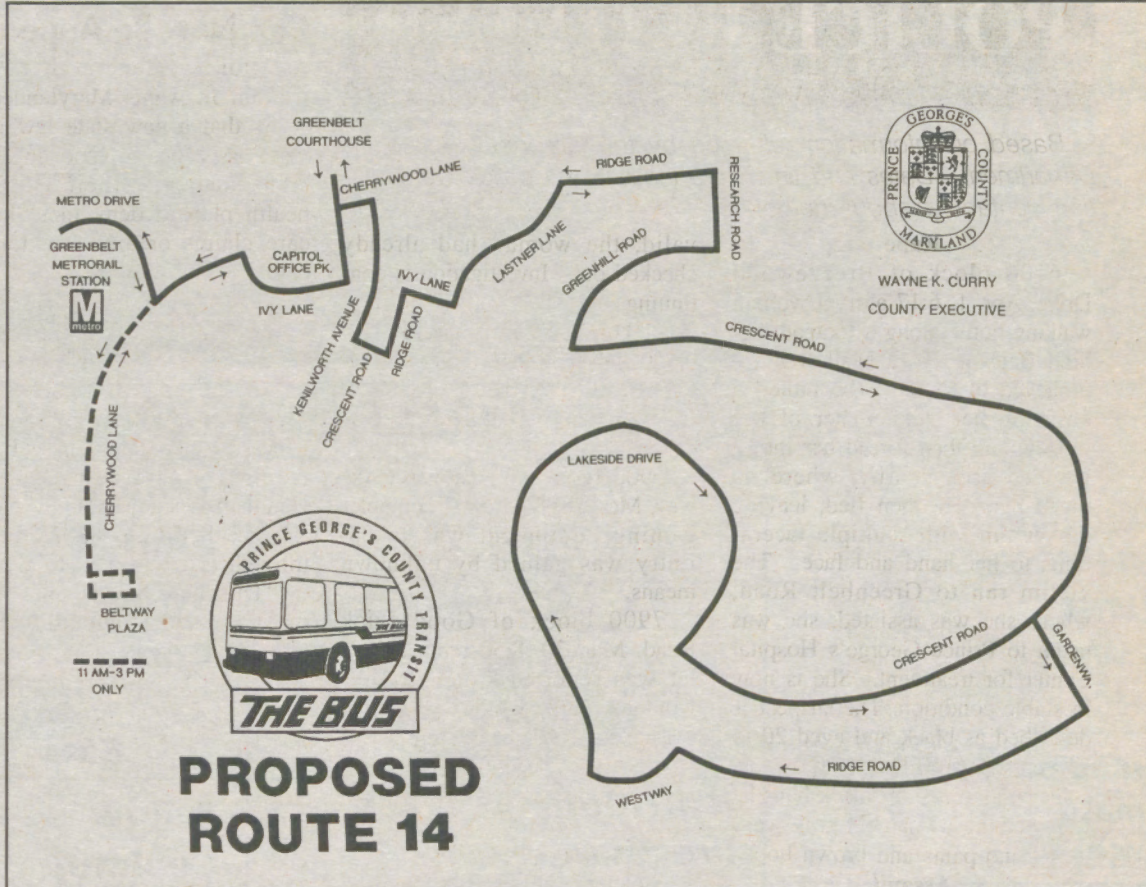


Electronic Filing Is the Way to Go

Maryland State Comptroller William Donald Schaefer reminds late tax filers there is only a week left until the April 15 filing deadline. If getting a refund quickly is the goal, he says, then electronic filing is the way to go.

"If you request direct deposit,

you can have your refund deposited in your bank account within a couple of days of filing electronically, even if you file on April 15," said Schaefer. "Filing a paper return — this late in the filing season — means you will have to wait several weeks for a refund if you are due one."



Greenbelt Earth Day Poster Contest

Theme: How Do We Care for Greenbelt Lake?

Picking up litter, saving water and recycling are very important. It's important to preserve our natural environment for both people and wildlife to enjoy and thrive in. Help celebrate Earth Day and show others what we can do to improve our local lake. The poster contest is open to all students ages 5-12, grades K-6th.

Contest rules are:

- Posters should show ways to care for Greenbelt Lake.
- Entries should include the student's name, grade, address, daytime phone number and school and teacher's name.
- Entries cannot exceed 11 by 14 inches in size.
- Only one entry per student.
- Entries will be grouped in grade categories: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-6th.

CATEGORY WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 PRIZE!

Entries must be submitted by Wednesday, April 14th by noon at City Hall.

Poster winners will be announced at noon on Saturday, April 17th at Buddy Attick Park during the Greenbelt Earth Day event. Judges will include members of the Greenbelt Recycling Advisory Committee.

Come join us on Saturday, April 17th from 9:00-2pm at Buddy Attick Park for our Earth Day Celebration. There will be a zoo show, animal petting corral, environmental exhibits, music, games and prizes and a volunteer planting.

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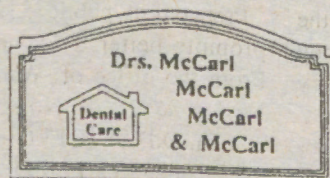
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Friday	8-4
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Rape

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Apr. 1, 6:17 a.m., a woman walking home along a footpath behind Beltway Plaza Mall was approached by a man who pulled a knife on her, robbed her of her money, and then forced her into a wooded area nearby, where he raped her. He then fled, leaving the victim with multiple lacerations to her hand and face. The victim ran to Greenbelt Road, where she was assisted; she was taken to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment. She is now in stable condition. The suspect is described as black and aged 20 to 25 years, 5', 160 lbs., with a muscular build and short black hair; he was wearing a charcoal gray work jacket and pants and brown boots.

Assault

Beltway Plaza Mall, Mar. 28, 5:46 a.m., a female custodial employee assaulted a female co-worker following a verbal altercation at the AMC 8 Theaters. The assailant pushed the victim to the floor and kicked her in the stomach; she then fled the mall to a waiting vehicle which drove her from the area. Investigation is continuing.

Counterfeit and Fraud.

6400 block of Ivy Lane, Mar. 26, 3:30 p.m., a 19-year-old female resident used an invalid credit card for several nights' lodging and amenities. By the time the card was discovered to be in-

valid, the woman had already checked out. Investigation is continuing.

Burglary and Theft

20 block of Parkway, Mar. 27, 9:14 a.m. a sofa cushion was taken from an unsecured residence.

6900 block of Hanover Parkway, Mar. 28, 3:35 p.m., computer gaming equipment was taken. Entry was gained by unknown means.

7900 block of Good Luck Road, Mar. 30, 8:50 p.m., a wallet was reported stolen from a woman's purse while the woman was in a convenience store. The woman was carrying the purse on her shoulder at the time of the theft.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen vehicles: 7800 block of Mandan Road, Mar. 26, a black 1997 Honda Accord with Maryland tags ECK 516; 7200 block of Hanover Drive, Mar. 27, a red 1992 Dodge B250 van with Maryland tags 989374M.

Vandalisms to and thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, and 8000 block of Mandan Road.

Consumers Warned About Credit Fraud

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. is joining the Federal Trade Commission and other federal, state and local organizations, warning consumers about a nationwide increase in credit fraud.

Curran has recently received a number of complaints from consumers who were scammed after responding to newspaper advertisements or telephone solicitations offering "fast and easy" loans. The pitches claim the companies can guarantee a loan for a fee, usually several hundred dollars, which must be paid in advance. However, once the fee is paid, the companies disappear or claim the loan application was denied. In many of the cases currently being investigated by Curran's office, the crooks are working across the border in Canada. Their ads feature no address, only a 1-800 number so the consumers don't know where the company is located.

Consumers who seek help in setting up a debt-repayment plan or in rebuilding their credit history after a bankruptcy are vulnerable to credit repair companies who promise to help rebuild their credit files. Many of these companies simply pocket the payments and never pay the creditors. There are also new, illegal schemes that promise to create an identity for you through "file segregation." This is a federal crime.

Credit repair companies must be licensed with the Maryland Division of Financial Regulation. You can call that office to check out the company or register a complaint: 410-230-6100.

Consumers who have been victimized by a loan scam or a credit repair company may call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 410-528-8662.

Healthcare Denials Can Now Be Appealed

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. wants Marylanders to know that a new state law gives them assistance in appealing decisions made by their HMO or health plan to deny them health care claims or authorization for care.

The Appeals and Grievances Law, which took effect January 1, requires insurance carriers to alert patients whose claims have been denied on the basis of medical necessity that they can seek help from the Attorney General's Health Advocacy Unit by calling toll-free 1-877-261-8807, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This new law is one of the most consumer-friendly in the country," said Attorney General Curran. "Patients who need medical treatment can now get explicit answers from their health plans about why their coverage has been denied, and they have a strong ally in appealing those denials."

Consumers should know: (1) If an HMO or health plan denies coverage for treatment because it determines that the treatment is not medically necessary or appropriate, it must inform the patient in writing of its adverse decision. With that written decision it must give details of its internal grievance process and the toll-free number of the Health Advocacy Unit. (2) If the denial of coverage involves a medical emergency, people should call the Maryland Insurance Administration at 1-800-492-6116 for assistance. That agency will render a decision within 24 hours in emergency cases. (3) In all other cases, if a person decides to appeal the decision, call the Health Advocacy Unit and it will gather information from the patient, doctor and the health plan, to encourage the plan to reverse its decision. If this mediation approach is unsuccessful, the Health Advocacy Unit will help the patient — or the doctor — file a formal appeal with the plan's internal grievance process. (4) If a person is not satisfied with the plan's grievance decision, the Health Advocacy Unit will offer assistance in filing a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration. That agency will have medical experts assist in reviewing the decision by the health plan and, if

Deceptive Sweepstake Agrees to Settlement

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. has announced that Maryland and 29 other states have entered into a settlement with Direct American Marketers, Inc. (DAMI) to resolve charges it deceived consumers into thinking they would win significant prizes by calling a 900 number — when in fact they won next to nothing. According to the charges, DAMI sent out mailings encouraging consumers to call a 900 telephone number to claim their prizes. But after being charged on average \$30 per call, the prizes turned out to be either \$1 or nothing at all.

The DAMI sweepstakes mailings were also sent out under a number of different "company" names, including ACG Independent Judging Organization, Audit Control Bureau, and Equity Disbursement Group. Some consumers, not realizing they were dealing with the same company, made five or more calls to the 900 numbers, losing \$150 or more.

Curran stated that Maryland law prohibits any promotion that requires consumers to pay money or submit to a sales presentation in order to claim a prize.

DAMI stopped mailing the prize solicitations to consumers in August 1997 and filed bankruptcy in California. Under the settlement approved by the bankruptcy appropriate, it will overturn the health plan's decision. (5) If a person has been denied coverage because their plan does not believe the treatment is medically necessary or if there is a question about the patient's rights under this new Maryland law, please call the Health Advocacy Unit at 1-877-261-8807.

Pharmacy Topics By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



Experimental new drugs seem to ease the suffering caused by colds and flu. GS4104, a pill, seems to cut duration by a third as well as reduce its severity. (In a test, it also worked as a preventive.)

Zanamivir (Relenza), taken by inhaler, is said to reduce flu risk by 67 percent. Both drugs seem to work against both influenza A and B. Other anti-flu drugs fight the A strain only.

Clinical studies in Europe offer electron microscopic evidence that glucosamine relieves arthritis symptoms by helping repair and regenerate cartilage. U.S. trials are now under way.

Antitherpes drugs, taken in advance can ward off the cold sores that often delay recovery in patients undergoing chemical peels or other cosmetic sanding of the face.

Harvard University researchers found that taking a daily multivitamin with folic acid could reduce the incidence of colon cancer by as much as 75 percent.

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court, DAMI agreed to pay a total of \$3 million to settle claims filed by the 30 states, of which Maryland will receive \$83,276. Approximately 6,800 Maryland consumers will receive partial refunds.

Consumers with complaints about prize solicitations may write to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Camellia Show At Arboretum

View prize blooms displayed by members of the Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley and learn about the pleasures of growing camellias during this annual show at the U.S. National Arboretum April 10 & 11, noon -5.

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Bank foreclosed - fresh paint and new carpeting in this 2 bedroom townhome. Price is too low to pass up - call for the details.

2 Bedroom brick - white and sealed wide & oak flooring, fans and more. Just a short walk to the Ridge Road Center. \$59,900

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2 Bedroom townhome that backs to woods with newer appliances and fresh paint throughout. Vacant and ready - just \$41,900

New listing - 2 bedroom townhome with vinyl siding. Fenced back yard with large shed. Ceiling fans included. Just \$41,990

2 bedroom frame unit with new carpet and fresh paint. Sought-after wide floorplan. Plenty of parking. Reduced! Now \$42,900

Coming soon - 2 bedroom brick townhome with new carpet and ceiling fans. Beautiful landscaping. Call now to see this one!

1 bedroom end unit - completely renovated. Enjoy the extra windows and larger yard that is incl. with this premium home. \$25,900



3 Bedroom townhome - Convenient to Metrobus. Lots of renovations and improvements. A great buy at \$49,900

Rare find - Garage included. 3 br block w/ hardwood floors, ceramic tile, ceiling fans and more. \$3,000 closing help at \$58,000

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These costs can be a very substantial part of the dentist's total bill. The better the quality of the laboratory's work, the more they will charge for it. Laboratory work, like dental work, is an art. If your dentist has higher fees for his work, he's probably using one of the better dental laboratories in your area, in order to get a superior product for you.

Ask your dentist about this. Find out how he feels about different dental laboratories. If he says they're all the same, be suspicious. If he takes great pride in the one he works with, he's probably using the highest standard for the work he's placing in your mouth. Be thankful you have chosen your dentist wisely.

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ACE Organizes Ceremony For Greenbelt Students

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met on March 23, expecting Jim Henderson, Greenbelt's representative to the Prince George's County Board of Education to be present; however, he had to postpone his appearance for a meeting in Bowie on school boundary changes. The primary administrative business of the evening was to organize the ACE student awards ceremony, which will be held on May 10. At that meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, two students from each Greenbelt school will be presented with an award.

School Resource Officers

Wendy Wexler, city liaison to the committee, reported that the city will fund travel for the two school resource officers, David Buerger and Marty Parker, to attend the annual conference of the national association of school resource officers. This meeting provides an opportunity for the two officers to obtain training and

national certification as school resources. Buerger has nearly completed the certification training. Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will pay the tuition for the courses.

Character Education

Wexler reported on progress on the Character Education program in the ERHS cluster of schools. The cluster is trying to get out to the community the message of character education. ERHS has hoped to have a meeting on the issue with Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend as speaker. Since each community has its own program in character education, the committee has requested Wexler to obtain written documentation on the cluster's plan, which they plan to discuss at the next meeting. ACE has already been rewarding good character, someone said, through its annual student awards.

Odyssey of the Mind

Former ACE member Clement Lau attended the meeting to request ACE support for the Odyssey of the Mind program in which several schools participate. State legislation is pending to provide limited funding for the project and Lau hoped for support from Greenbelt for this legislation. ACE chair, Leta Mach, indicated that time is too short for the committee to study the issue and forward a recommendation to the city council for their review. Moreover, she commented that the committee usually takes a stand on issues that more directly affect all Greenbelt students. However, a number of members approve of the cooperation and skills taught by the Odyssey of the Mind program and will individually lend their support to the legislation.

The issue of the Odyssey of the Mind program led to a general discussion about special activities that may be found in some schools and not in others. Sometimes a lack of time and knowledge on the part of parents and teachers may keep a school from participating. The committee discussed canvassing the Greenbelt schools to see what special programs each is involved in.

Roosevelt Students Win Scholarships

Four Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are among 600 winners in the 1999 Achievement Scholarship competition. Established in 1964, the Achievement Program is an annual academic competition established specifically to honor promising African American youth and to increase their educational opportunities. The following students received \$2,000 each:

Jocelyn Mason plans to pursue a career in neonatology. She is president of the National Honor Society, a finalist in the Maryland Distinguished Scholars Program, and a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Black Student Association, and Student Government Association.

Olutayo Akingbe is interested in a career in law and government. He earned an Honorable Mention in the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program. Olutayo is president of the Interact Club, member of the National Honor Society, and principal violinist for the String Quartet.

Kevin Burris' goal is a career in law. A recipient of the American Legion Scholastic Award, Kevin is also a member of the Omega Alpha Psi mentoring program, the Black Student Association, Kitty Hawk Air Society, and Future Business Leaders of America.

Natasha Harrison is interested in orthopedics. This Maryland Distinguished Scholar is vice president of the Interact Club, a member of the Spanish Honor Society and a member of the National Honor Society. She earned a Bronze Medal for her performance on the national Spanish exam.

Walk for Literacy Held April 17

The Literacy Concil of Prince George's County is holding its Second Annual Walk for Literacy on April 17 at Prince George's Plaza in Hyattsville from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Volunteer walkers are needed to make the event a success. For more information call 301-322-5290.

Henderson: Raise Teacher Salaries

by Mary Moien

Jim Henderson, Greenbelt's representative to the Prince George's County School Board, spoke to members of the Gray Panthers at their February 13 meeting.

Henderson reiterated his strong commitment to public education. He indicated that he was unhappy with the state decision to add financial managers to oversee board activities, as his background is in financial management and he is already on the board. Henderson stated that increasing teacher salaries is critical since many teachers start in the county but after two years move to other counties where salaries are as much as \$10,000 higher than here.

Janet Parker, the convener (chair) of the Gray Panthers, posed a question to Henderson about the education of homeless children within the county. She is concerned about the general education process for these children as well as the opportunities for talented and gifted activities for this group of students. Parker commented that "every child has a right to an education" and that only through a

quality education will homeless children be able to become useful members of society. Henderson did not have detailed information on the education of homeless children but indicated that he will investigate the matter.

The Gray Panthers is an age, race, and gender-neutral activist group dedicated to education and other issues such as health care for all and jobs with justice.

Pet Adoption Open House

Adopt dogs/cats from the PG County SPCA/HS Sunday, April 11, noon till 3 p.m. at PetSmart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to come by PetSmart and meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. There is no charge to attend the event. When an adoption is completed, a donation of \$150 is requested for dogs and \$75 for cats. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the web site at www.erols.com/spca-humanesociety for more information.

Essay Contest Open To 7th/8th Graders

All 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in Maryland public or private schools are eligible to enter an essay contest with the themes of peace and social justice.

Sponsored by Anne Arundel Peace Action and Maryland Peace Action Education Fund, the contest will award \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

An essay of up to 1,200 words is required on the topic "What are ways in which students can fulfill their community service requirements by working for peace, justice and tolerance in their community?" Entries should be double-spaced on a word processor or typewriter, accompanied by a cover sheet with the student's name, address and phone number, school name, address and phone, and the name of the teacher-sponsor, if any.

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10am Live music by Tracy McDonnell, Geoff King and friends

11am-12pm Petting Zoo and Animal Show by Zoo Show

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REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE.

For more information call Greg Varda at the Greenbelt Community Center (301) 397-2208.

BUDGET

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Administration

Administration represents 28 percent of the general government account. McLaughlin proposes expenditures of \$344,000 for FY2000, down 2.6 percent from the current fiscal year. Two decreases reflecting an accounting change and employee turnover were partially offset by an increase in other operating expenses.

Finance

The finance and administrative services account represents 44 percent of general government expenditures. McLaughlin has proposed increasing expenditures in this area by 7.5 percent over the current year's budget (7.9 percent over estimated expenditures). Apparently printing the budget document has become a budget buster, causing an overage in the "other services" line item.

Although the total number of employees in this department will not change, the mix will. An executive secretary position has been deleted, and a human resources specialist has been added. Total personnel expenses for finance and administrative services are proposed to increase 6.9 percent over the FY99 budgeted amount.

Public Information

This account represents 8 percent of general government expenditures. FY2000 expenditures are proposed to increase 4.2 percent over the FY99 budget amount. FY99 expenditures are exceeding that budget, so the FY2000 proposal represents a 7.4 percent decrease from estimated FY99 expenditures.

McLaughlin is proposing that

City Manager's Proposed Budget by Category
For fiscal year starting July 1, 1999

	FYF99 Budget	FY 99 Estimated	Fy2000 Proposed	% of Total Expenditures	% Change FY99 Budget
General Government	\$1,194,600	1,207,700	1,235,900	8.2	3.5
Planning and Development	451,200	476,700	513,200	3.4	13.7
Public Safety	5,462,800	5,133,800	5,558,200	36.9	1.7
Public Works	1,767,600	1,583,400	1,688,200	11.2	-4.5
Social Services	282,400	274,900	280,400	1.9	-0.7
Recreation and Parks	3,311,300	3,258,300	3,409,800	22.6	3.0
Miscellaneous	79,300	78,000	74,400	0.5	-6.2
Non-Departmental	300,500	193,000	410,000	2.7	36.4
Fund Transfers	1,638,400	1,678,400	1,887,300	12.5	15.2
Total Expenditures	\$14,488,100	\$13,884,200	\$15,057,400	100.0	3.9

History of Greenbelt Property Tax Rate

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate (per \$100 Assessed Valuation)
1990	1.21
1991	1.30
1992	1.33
1993	1.33
1994	1.33
1995	1.355
1996	1.39
1997	1.43
1998	1.44
1999	1.47
2000	1.49

\$22,000 in franchise fees negotiated as part of the proposed agreement with Jones Communications be channeled to Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) as part of a partnership agreement that will allow the city access to that organization's expertise and

equipment. An unmet need identified by the department is for a projector, estimated to cost \$2,000 - \$4,000 to project displays from micro-computers/laptops. Currently, the city borrows a projector when needed.

Recreation Review

New Class Offerings

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently holding registration for three new program offerings scheduled for April 20, from 7 - 8 p.m. "Joe's Bike Maintenance and Repair Clinic" will feature Greenbelt's own bike guru and rider extraordinaire Joe Lynch. Young riders age 12 and up will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge base and get their fingernails dirty in this hands-on learning experience. Maintenance, upgrades and safety will be covered. This clinic begins April 20 and will meet for five weeks.

Also scheduled to begin in April is "Aerobic Kickboxing - a total body workout." This class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come experience this high energy fitness class that builds cardiovascular endurance and toning muscles. Participants also learn techniques for self defense as they shape up. Greenbelt's Rob McConnell will be the instructor.

"3 on 3 Thriller" is a basketball tournament designed especially for 13 - 18 year olds. It is scheduled for April 18 at the Youth Center; participants should register in teams of three or four.

The deadline for registration is April 12. For information call 301-397-2200.

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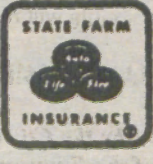
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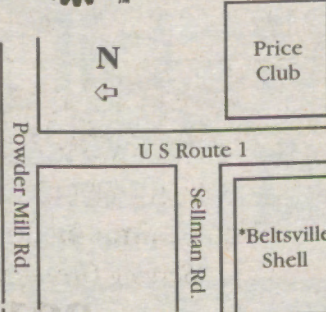
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During the next two or three years Roberts plans to build a space robot which can be controlled from Earth. The robot will have hands and fingers called end effectors. Roberts hopes his robot will become part of the astronauts' tool box to accomplish tasks in space.

Currently Roberts spends his weekends as a volunteer fireman at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. He would like to combine his interests in space and fire fighting to find effective ways of suppressing fires in outer space.

Education

Roberts' interest in rockets began when he was a boy in Canfield, Ohio. He particularly enjoyed the rockets set off on the fourth of July. As a senior in high school in 1988, he wrote a term paper on rockets after seeing a film of the 1986 explosion of the Challenger spacecraft.

When he needed spending money as a freshman at Case Western Reserve, he took a part-time job with the Air Force working with batteries. He worked summers as a NASA intern and spent a year and a half in a cooperative education program with NASA in Belgium and at Los Alamos in New Mexico.

In July 1997 Roberts received a three-year fellowship in the Graduate Students Researchers Program. His base for study is the Neutral Buoyance Research Facility at the University of Maryland, where he is working

Jazz Showcase at Colony Ballroom

The University of Maryland School of Music will present the Third Annual Invitational Jazz Showcase on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. The concert features the big band sounds of two on campus jazz ensembles conducted by Chris Vadala — the University of Maryland Jazz Lab Band and the University of Maryland Jazz Ensemble, plus invited guest ensembles as part of the School of Music's community outreach program. Jazz bands from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Sally Wagner, director, and Catholic

toward his Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering. The building got its name because it houses a water tank that is used for simulated space experiments. Roberts regularly spends time doing experiments in the tank.

Down the road he hopes to earn a Ph.D. from the Fire Protection Institute at the University of Maryland. He will concentrate his studies on fire suppression on Mars and lunar bases.

In his spare time, Roberts plays softball for a Goddard team and with a group at the University of Maryland. He also enjoys participating in a game of soccer or football.

After he gets his Ph.D., he intends to continue living in Greenbelt and working at NASA. He says there are many interesting things to do in the area. He likes to watch the Orioles at Camden Yards and to attend lectures and concerts in Washington.

Roberts likes all kinds of music; if he had time, he says, he would like to play drums with a community band.

University, with Paul Scimonelli as director, will join in this free concert (no tickets necessary) of jazz from the big band era through the contemporary sounds of today. For more information, call 301-405-5519.

Music School Offers New Music Concert

A concert of new music featuring the 20th Century Ensemble on Monday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building on the Maryland University campus. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information call 301-405-1150.

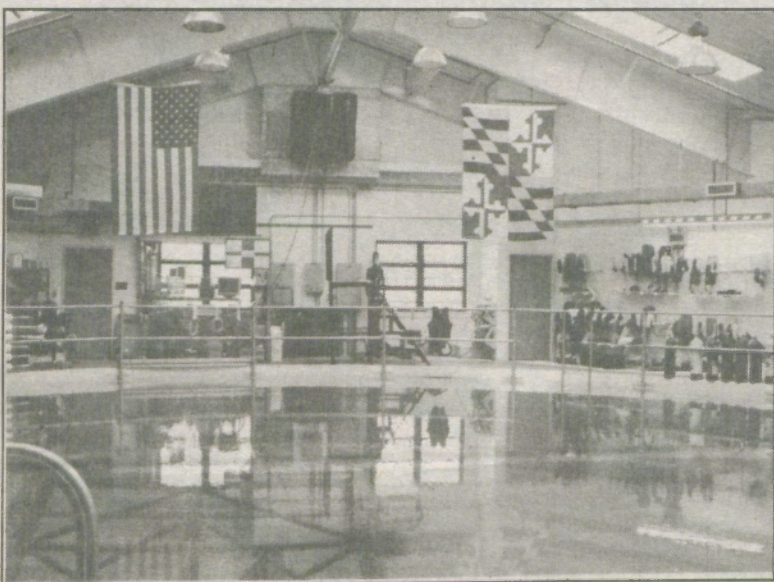
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The telephone numbers of all of the taxpayer service offices are listed on the back of the Maryland state and local income tax booklet and in the blue pages of most local telephone directories.

Anyone needing help can call the statewide toll-free number for Maryland tax assistance at 1-800-MD TAXES from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. Taxpayers can also check the status of their state tax refund by calling 1-800-218-8160 anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or by visiting the comptroller's website at <www.marylandtaxes.com>.



The pool in the Neutral Buoyance Research Facility at Maryland used for simulated space experiments.

... Forest for the Trees

by Bill Hardy

Grey Valenti, the new Theater Committee chair at Greenbelt Arts Center and GAC's new webmaster, will direct "The Forest." Alexander Ostrovsky's classic Russian comedy will serve as a vehicle for creating a true ensemble production at GAC this summer.

Auditions for The Forest will be April 19 and 20 at the Greenbelt Community Center (not at GAC!), starting at 7 p.m. Scripts are available at the GAC office, 123 Centerway, for actors to acquaint themselves with the story and characters. Valenti highly recommends reading the script. This will be a physically demanding production - actors should prepare an informal movement piece to demonstrate their range of movement.

Valenti was inspired to bring "The Forest" to Greenbelt after working in a master class with the Moscow Arts Theatre in acting, movement and theater history. The driving principle behind the work there was the idea of acting as an ensemble. She wants to create a production where the actors know the work and each other so well that they function as a solid team.

Workshop Rehearsals

Guest teachers will host work-

shop rehearsals for the cast. Adam G. Gertsacov, known internationally as the Boss Clown of the Acme Miniature Circus and by his clown persona, Kafka, will be taking time from his touring schedule with the Binderstiff Family Circus to teach a workshop for the cast in the stage tradition of Commedia Dell Arte.

Greenbelt resident Christopher Cherry will teach a workshop in the Alexander Technique. Cherry is one of a small group of teachers qualified to teach this technique of physical training, and is currently teaching regular classes in Alexander Technique through the Greenbelt Arts Center, Shakespeare Theatre and in New York City.

Highly talented technical people will be involved directly in the rehearsals as well, and all the physical elements of this project — lighting, sound, set, costumes — will be created with the same high attention to detail and artistry. The end result should be a truly amazing and memorable production at GAC. For more information, please contact the Greenbelt Arts Center, 301-441-8770 or visit The Forest website at: <<http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter/forest/>>.



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Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 750 ml	\$11⁹⁹
Geyser Peak Chardonnay 750 ml	\$8⁹⁹
Cedar Creek Cab. Sauv. & Chardonnay 1 Ltr	\$6⁹⁹
Tosti Asti Spumante 750 ml	\$7⁹⁹

BEERS

Molson Golden, Ice, Light and Beer \$8⁹⁹ \$16⁹⁹ 12 pack btls case	Coors & Coors Light \$7⁹⁹ \$15⁴⁹ 12 pack btls case
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Samuel Adams 12 pack btls **\$10⁴⁹**
Lager and Summer Ale

Sale Ends
April 14, 1999

AMERICAN REALTY

New Listing
 Boxwood \$169,900
 4 Bd, 3 full baths
 rec. rm. w/ FP,
 carport, completely renovated

Just Listed - \$45,900

5 G Plateau Pl.
 AC, W&D, hardwood floors,
 Backs to woods
 Shows like a model

3 K Eastway
 2 Bd. Block
 Super Court
 \$52,900

33F Ridge Rd.
 2 Bd Block
 Screened Porch
 \$57,000

Belle Pt Townhouse \$147,000
 3 Bd - 2 1/2 Bath
 Garage

GEORGE CANTWELL
 301-490-3763



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

INFORMATION FORUMS ON HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON **SATURDAY, APRIL 17 AT 1:00 P.M. AND THURSDAY, APRIL 22 AT 7:30 P.M.** BOTH FORUMS WILL BE HELD AT THE GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION HALL.

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE BY PRESERVATION PARTNERS, THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE P.G. COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. GHI STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION TO THE LEGION, CALL THE GHI OFFICES ON 301-474-4161 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.